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Library Events & Book Talks This Semester

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS

Even though there is evidence that people of black and African descent were in the Americas as far back as the fourteenth and fifteenth century, little was known about their history and what role they played in the shaping and development of world history.

While studying and working to earn his Ph.D. at Harvard University, Dr. Carter G. Woodson became upset when he found that through his studies, people of black and African descent were seldom, if at all acknowledged historically in a positive manner for their achievements and contributions in the development of world history, and specifically the development and history of the United States of America.

In 1915 Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Rev. Jesse E. Moorland founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The primary mission of this organization was to research, study, promote, and publicize information about the achievements and contributions made by people of black and African descent as related to world development. Later the organization became known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1926 Dr. Woodson established "Negro History Week" as an initiative to recognize, publicize and bring attention to the contributions that black people made in the shaping and development of the United States of America. Negro History Week developed into what is now known as "Black History" and sometimes referred to as "National African American History Month".

Some Interesting Facts About Black History Month

- Originally "Negro History Week" was only celebrated the second week in February.
- February was chosen as the month for celebrating "Negro History Week" because it is the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and Frederick Douglass (February 14).
- "Black History Month" was officially recognized in 1976 by President Gerald Ford.
- Since 1976, every President of the United States of America has issued an official Proclamation for "Black History Month".
- Besides the United States of America, "Black History Month" is celebrated in other countries around the world.
- Every year a national theme is selected to recognize and commemorate the contributions and achievements of people of black and African descent. The theme for 2015 is "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture".
- Schools and organizations pay homage and recognition of black and African achievements through various means and activities.

One of the ways that a people can tell their own story and know who they are, where they come from, what they have achieved, and what they have contributed to the world is through their collective history. In keeping with the annual tradition of celebrating Black History

Examples of Black History Month Activities in the U.S. and Around the World

Gospel Concerts
 Round Table Discussions
 Special Church Services
 Guest Speakers
 Movies & Plays
 Black Community Health Fairs
 Evening of Jazz
 Community Project - Food Donation
 Lincoln - Douglass Debate
 Step Shows
 Book Donations & Readings
 Black History Jeopardy Game
 Luncheon
 Poetry - Music - Dance
 Sewing & Craft Projects

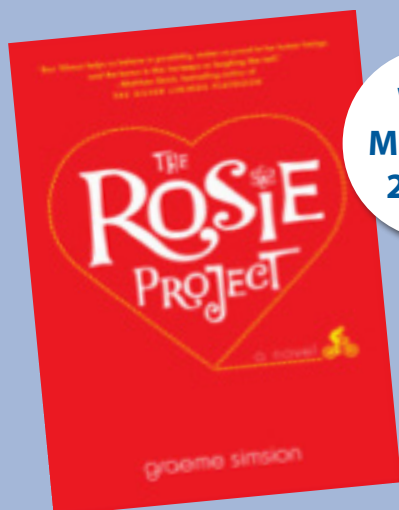
Month, the administration, faculty, staff and students of Gateway Community College are presenting activities throughout February to recognize the many achievements and contributions made by black and African people. It is our sincere hope that the Gateway community will take part in these celebration activities.

For more information on activities during Black History Month, visit the library, various organizational and community initiatives or see programs on PBS, CSPAN, AHC, and the Military Channel.

—Sandra Eskridge, GCC Counseling & Student Success Office

Book Club Spring Meetings

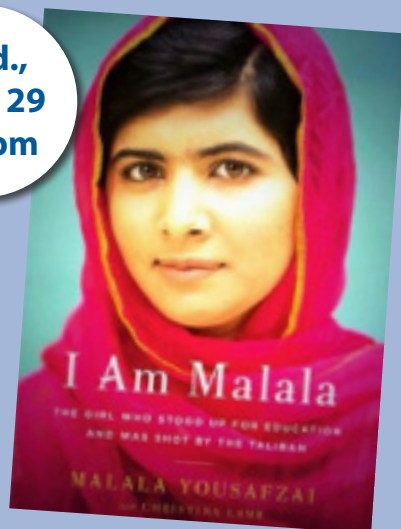
The Library will be hosting two Spring Book Club Meetings! The Book Club is free and open to all library users. Copies of books are available in the Library. All meetings will take place in the Library Multipurpose Room S217.



**Wed.,
March 25
2-3 pm**

Book: *The Rosie Project*
Author: Graeme Simsion

**Wed.,
April 29
2-3 pm**



Book: *I am Malala*
Author: Malala Yousafzai

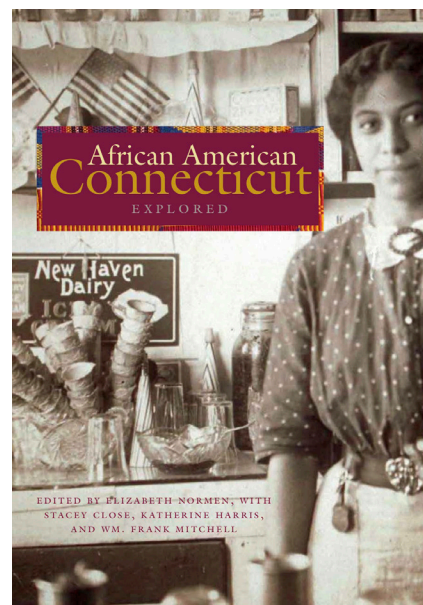
Black History Centennial Events

FEBRUARY 4, 2 P.M. - 3: 30 P.M., ROOM S217

The GCC Library's celebration of 2015 Black History Month begins with a book talk featuring Elizabeth Normen, publisher of Connecticut Explored Magazine, Mary Donohue, assistant publisher of Connecticut Explored Magazine, Elizabeth Petry, writer and daughter of famed Connecticut writer, Ann Petry and William Frank Mitchell, Assistant Director and curator of the Amistad Center for Art and Culture.

The panel discussion, which takes place in GCC's Library & Learning Commons multipurpose room (S217) will revolve around the book, *African American Connecticut Explored*, an anthology of essays that present an overview of the African American experience in Connecticut covering more than 50 essays by many of the state's leading historians. It documents an array of subjects—beginning from the earliest years of the state's colonization and continuing well into the twentieth century.

Of particular interest are the essays that discuss the Black Governors of Connecticut, the African American community's response to the Amistad trial, the letters of Joseph O. Cross of the 29th Regiment of Colored Volunteers in the Civil War, and the Civil Rights work of baseball great, Jackie Robinson.



Copies of African American Connecticut Explored are available for check-out at the Gateway Library, and there will be copies on sale for those who wish to purchase on Feb. 4.

FEBRUARY 25, 2 P.M. - 4: 30 P.M., ROOM S211

Future Black History Month events at Gateway include a Library Black History Book Display and another panel discussion on Black Lives Matter. The panel will consist of: Superior Court Judge, former probation officer/GCC student, another GCC student, GCC faculty and a New Haven Police Officer.

This event is free and open to the public, and is made possible by generous support from the Esther Haseltine Schiavone Cultural Fund, which was established in 2006 by her daughter, Jennifer, in her mother's memory to support arts and cultural programming at Gateway Community College. For more information, contact Dr. Clara Ogbaa, Director of Library Services at Gateway Community College at (203) 285-2058, Renee Gaines, Humanities Dept. (203) 285-2156, or Kellie Danso, Director of Career Services & Veteran's Affairs.

Exporting Database Citations into Easybib

The library's subscription research databases now provide a feature which allows users to export citations from articles found in the databases directly into their Easybib account for a more seamless user experience. Once students are done exporting their citations, they can print their bibliography directly from Easybib which automatically formats it in the citation style they have selected.

Users should first log into their Easybib account then open a new window to search in one of the library's research databases. Select a relevant article from the results and follow the instructions below according to the database provider – the provider's name is typically located in the top left corner of the database search page.

- EBSCO databases – Click the Export button then "Direct export into Easybib" click "Save" then "Import"
- Gale databases – Click the Citation tools button then "Easybib"
- ABC-CLIO databases – Click "Cite this document" then "Export Easybib"

Important note: You may need to make edits for various reasons, so all citations should be verified for accuracy according to the citation style guide required for the assignment.

**CITE IT
BEFORE YOU
WRITE IT**
www.easybib.com

First-time users of Easybib must sign-up for their free account on campus by going to www.Easybib.com and creating a username and password of their choice (does not have to be the college username and password). Thereafter, they can sign into their account from any computer on or off campus. Links to instructions and tutorials are located on the library homepage under Citation Help, then clicking on the Easybib tab.

We'd Love to Hear From You!

Do you have a comment or a suggestion on how to improve your experience in the Library or in using Library resources? If so please let us know by utilizing the Library's NEW Suggestion Box which can be found at the entrance of the Library. We greatly appreciate your feedback!

New LibGuide! Library Displays

Have you ever missed a Library book display or forgot to grab a book that you wanted only to find that the display has been changed? Don't worry! You can now browse through the monthly displays, both present and past, via the Library Displays LibGuide.

To access the guide please visit <http://gwcc.libguides.com/LibraryDisplays> or from the Library's Homepage, click on "Subjects/ Course Guides," then "By Group" select "New to the Library," and you will see Library Displays.

Please feel free to suggest a theme for a future display!

SUGGESTIONS



Contact Us

***Stop by for all your
information and research
needs!***

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***The library newsletter is
now available online!***



Go to the library's homepage and click on the "Library News" link to view all previous editions.

New in the Library!

There is now a charging station located in the Learning Commons area of the Library which provides access to plug in up to ten electronic items. Please remember do not leave personal items unattended!



Information for Students

- Research Appointment Request Form:
<http://gwcc.libguides.com/researchappointment>
(Appointments are limited to one hour and please allow us 3 days advanced notice). Print forms are also available in the Library.
- Distance Learning Resources:
<http://gwcc.libguides.com/distancelearning>
- Reserve a Group Study Room:
<http://gwcc.libcal.com/booking/studyrooms>

Spring Hours



**Monday-Thursday:
8AM-8PM**

Friday: 8AM-6PM

Saturday: 9AM-2PM